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NEWS BULLETIN OF TRW AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



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SIMPLEX	W6/TRW/ARC
SIMPLEX/REPEATER	T147.075-R147.675
REPEATER PV	T146.745-R146.145
REPEATER JAARS	T146.955-R146.355

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## DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Bill Dewe K6AWO	Olson Radio Timer
Frank Mullen W6SCL	Rayovac Nicad Charger
Frank Halligan W6RLN	Olson Radio Vorn
Rich Stones WB6PDI	DSI Counter

## QSL CARDS HORRAY!!!

The Executive Committee has finally authorized the purchase of 10,000 QSL Cards. QSL order forms with new prices and limitations will be printed next month. Turn around time is tentatively scheduled for 2 weeks.

## MARCH 1 FCC LICENSE FIGURES.

NOVICE	56,915	ADVANCED	77,892
TECHNICIAN	65,250	EXTRA	18,942
GENERAL	113,271		

TOTAL 332,270

TNX W6VIO Calling

## OSCAR 2

Oscar 2's battery is still running too warm to permit it to be put back into its published every-third-day-on-Mode A schedule, though users will find it in Mode A from time to time as Command stations check it out. Another week or two may see it cooler.

\*\*\* MEETING REMINDER \*\*\* R2-1055  
Always the last Wednesday at noon  
Subject: Low Power Ant. Tuners  
Speaker: SST Electronics

### HELP!

R. E. Strathkoetter WB6SNN, has great need for a 12-13.6 Volt, 30-50 amp power supply.

He is a member of MARS, RACES and uses his equipment for civil emergency traffic and Los Angeles county emergency traffic.

Being a senior citizen with an anemic budget he would like to have it donated.

If you have the supply collecting dust, how about giving him a call?

R. E. Strathkoetter

2-3-331-4218

5453 Traymore

before 10 a.m. or after 5 p.m.

Covina 91722 Ca.

### LOS ANGELES AMATEUR RADIO CONVENTION

The 13th Annual Los Angeles Amateur Radio Convention will be held on the weekend of 20-21 May 1978. The Saturday hours are 10 AM to 6 PM and the show is open Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM. This show was previously called the Burbank Hamfest but it has changed in scope to the point where the Los Angeles Amateur Radio Convention is a more accurate name. The Convention tickets are \$4 each.

Address orders to:

Lockheed Amateur Radio Club

2814 Empire Avenue

Burbank, Ca. 91504

FCC'S AMATEUR CALLSIGN structure has been completely overhauled and a new policy, effective today (March 24), has just been released. No special callsigns or special events callsigns will be issued, and licenses for personal secondary stations will no longer be renewed. Call areas will remain and will determine the prefix of a callsign issued to an address in that area, but an individual can retain his callsign indefinitely if he wishes even if his permanent station location changes call area.

2x1 And Nx3 Callsigns will soon be heard under the new policy which divides callsigns into four "groups." Group A includes 1x2 2x1, and 2x2 (AA-AL prefixes), available to Extras only. Group B includes 2x2s other than AA-AL, and will be available to Advanced Class license holders. Group C is 1x3 callsigns, available

### NOVICE GRADUATES

I am pleased to announce that of the 19 people who started, 15 have completed the course or are at least knowledgeable enough to take the novice exams. Thanks to many of the clubs old timers who have volunteered to give the exams. The examiners are; Bill Dews, K6AWO; Frank Halligan, W6RLM; Neal Hudson, N6NW; Ed Thornley, W6RXD, Paul Veisz, K6YQ; Jim McWilliams W6RTG; and Mike DeHart, WB6KRU. The 'soon-to-become' novices and new names that you will be hearing more about in the future are; Ed Buker, Ed Conner, Dick Davis, Ralph Dermody, Evelyn Dow, Bill Dugan, Eric Holmberg, Jan Lee, Sue McGrew, Mary Lou McJilton, Bassim Shavaf, Don Sidaway, Happy Street, Dan Street, and Ralph Clark. Congratulations to all of them and I hope they all get their licenses. They were all presented Certificates of Completion from the ARRL which is the first of many awards that they will receive if they remain in ham radio very long. Many thanks to Mel Erb, K6GWC for his assistance with teaching the code.

Al Lee, W6KQI  
Training Manager

### GENERAL CLASS COURSE

Plans are in the making for a general class course to start around the first of May. Presently, we plan to meet on Thursday nights from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm with a break around 7:30. The cost will vary depending on how much of the training material the student already has and whether or not he or she is already a club member. If you know of anyone interested in taking the course, please have them contact me on extension 61673. Non-TRW employees are always welcome. Each student must be capable of copying 5 WPM and be familiar with basic electronic theory to be eligible.

Al Lee, W6KQI  
Training Manager

### FOR SALE

NCX3, 110 Vac and 12 VDC Power Supplies \$120.

Rudy Severns N6LF, X61950 or 598-4983 M2/2363

### IDENTIFICATION

To make it easier for your fans to recognize you at an eye-ball QSO, send your \$1.50 to G. Komatsu, M5 1017 and get a Club Badge.

#### ST. PATRICKS DAY BEER BUST

The St. Patricks Day get-together on March 17th was a tremendous success and a good time was experienced by all. This must have sparked the antenna party crew. Look for this again next year.

#### BREAKFAST GANG

The Friday morning breakfast gang needs to see some new faces, CZL, EKK, IZK, AWO, HPD have been showing up for the past few years. You can eat cheap or just drink coffee and have a good eye ball QSO. Time is between 0700-0800 and we sit over by the windows, date is every Friday, but if you can only make it ever-so-often 'COME-ON'.

This is not a 2m 51 group who meets or a remote base, it's open to the W6TRW club members.

We would like to see you some Friday so how about it?

73 K6AWO

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB

The Southern California DX Club would like to invite all active DX'ers or Would-be DX'ers in your club to attend one of our meetings. Our club currently consists of some 148 members representing a broad spectrum of DX interest and achievement from the DXCC Honor Roll member and active contester to the occasional DX'er. We feel that we have a little something for everyone genuinely interested in DX and our meetings reflect this.

The club meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm in the second floor auditorium of the Great Western Financial Building, 8484 Wilshire Blvd.(corner of La Cienega). For more information about the club, directions to our meeting place or a complimentary copy of our monthly DX bulletin, please contact either the club's membership chairman, Oliver Saunders (N6OS) at (213) 398-7313 evenings or me directly at the phone numbers listed below.

John Alexander K6SVL, President

Southern California DX Club

(213) 377-3807 (home)

(213) 542-1647 (work)

to Generals and Technicians, while Group D is 2x3s for Novices. In Group A 2x1s will be the first calls issued, while Nx1s will be the initial Group C issue. Also changed will be callsigns for many U.S. islands. Thx HR Report

# 7280 NET

Is it still active? The one who started the whole thing (Mr. 51) couldn't check in Sat. 4-15-78, as his VSWR was to high to run the TS520 H1.

The gang that did show were W6FQ, W6SCL, WA6PAS, K6RT, WA6RAY, WB6TDE, K6AWO net control. A few visitors mobile and fix checked in also. Start time is 1000 hrs. and we were still going @ 1100 hrs.

Maybe some more will try it, if they read this note in Crosstalk

The masthead reads only VHF frequency. How about a few more of you guys warning up the rigs on Sat. AM and see if we can have a W6TRW Net again.

- 73 Bill K6AWO -

## 1978 ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTION, SAN DIEGO, CALIF. SEPT. 22-24, 1978

### REGISTRATION DATA FORM (Please print or type)

NAME ..... CALL .....

STREET .....

CITY ..... STATE..... ZIP .....

### MAKE NAME BADGES AS BELOW

CALL NAME CITY

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Each Person—Number

ADVANCE RESERVATION WITH BANQUET (Ladies & Regular)..... \$19.00..... ☐

ADVANCE REGISTRATION ONLY ..... \$ 8.00..... ☐

ADVANCE REGISTRATION BANQUET ONLY ..... \$13.00 ..... ☐

REGISTRATION ONLY—AFTER SEPT. 15, 1978 ..... \$ 7.00..... ☐

REGISTRATION-BANQUET ONLY—AFTER SEPT. 15, 1978 ..... \$14.00 ..... ☐

LADIES LUNCHEON (None sold at door; Minimum 200)..... \$ 8.00..... ☐

CHECK/MONEY ORDER ENCLOSED FOR \$..... IN PAYMENT FOR TOTAL OF ABOVE .....

MAKE PAYABLE TO: SANDARC  
MAIL TO: SANDARC  
P.O. BOX 563  
POWAY, CA 92064

TALK { 3.900 MHZ  
IN: { 146.04-.64 MHZ  
147.75-.15 MHZ }

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: CONTACT,  
TOWN & COUNTRY HOTEL  
500 HOTEL CIRCLE  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92108 (714) 291-7131

NOTES: Only a limited number of banquet tickets will be sold at the door. Be sure to state you are attending the ARRL Convention when requesting hotel reservations. Cut off date for guaranteed reservations is Sept. 7, 1978. Please check your preference for breakfast Sunday, Sept. 24: ☐DX☐QCWA☐WCARS☐FM☐MARS☐TRAFFIC☐WPSS. Breakfast tickets will be sold Sat., Sept. 23 in the registration area. Breakfasts and prices will be controlled by the sponsoring group. Breakfasts held will depend on sponsors and your interest. Requests for refunds must be postmarked prior to Sept. 13, 1978.

GENERAL CHAIRMAN: Sam Dear, K8BWT, 13031 Papago Dr., Poway, CA 92064

### FIELD DAY - 1978

According to Gary Komatsu, K6HPD's 1978 Calendar of Events, Field Day is June 24th and 25th. As you know, it is one of the club's major annual activities and one which has been very successful in the past. This success came as a result of good planning and participation by our club members. Our goals are 1) have a good time and 2) again take first place nationally in whatever class we operate.

With field day only about 2 months away, it's time to make some decisions. Please try to schedule your vacations so that you will be here for that weekend. The site will again be the Soledad School in P.V. and we will use the call W6TRW. The class will probably be 6A but we may change depending on the response for equipment and operators. You can bet that 10 and 15 meters will be very active this year. One definite change this year is the use of headphones will be required by all stations from 2200 hours to 1000 hours on Sunday morning. So, bring your low impedance phones along and make adapters for dual operation if necessary.

We will of course need band captains who are required to arrange for equipment, tents and antennas. As an added incentive, all band captains and their spouses will be invited to a final briefing and dinner at my QTH on June 18th. So hurry and sign up for your favorite band.

So far, the captains are as follows:

Novice	; Ralph Clark (call is pending)
80 and 10 CW	; tbd
80 and 10 fone	; tbd
40 meters CW	; Bob Hume, WB6AQF
40 meters fone	; tbd
20 meters CW	; tbd
20 meters fone	; Frank Cartier, WA6RAY
15 meters CW	; tbd
15 meters fone	; tbd
6 meters fone	; tbd
2 meters FM	; tbd
2 SSB/CW/OSCAR	; Al Lee, W6KQI
1 1/2 meters fone	; tbd
70 cm fone	; Al Lee, W6KQI
Generator	; Gary Komatsu, K6HPD
Food	; A fine group of YFs.

So you can see there are plenty of openings and obviously, the operating time for several bands will have to be rationed according to peak activity conditions. Call me on ext. 61673 and volunteer for something if only to operate for a few hours.

Al Lee, W6KQI  
Field Day Chairman